

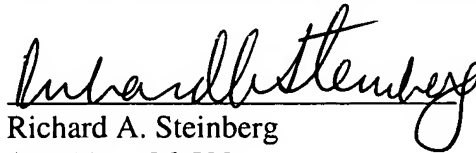
REMARKS

The foregoing amendments to the claims are presented in order to eliminate improper multiple dependent claims, and to put the language of the claims in a form more usual for U.S. practice. New claim 13 provides an alternative scope of invention in accordance with an embodiment thereof. The amendment to the specification is presented in order to cross reference the International application, and to provide add an Abstract on a separate sheet of paper.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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